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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES

REF: (A) BRASILIA 1973, (B) STATE 56317, (C) STATE 59653,
(D) BRASILIA 566

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS IN REFTEL (A) REGARDING
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING RESPONSIVE TO BRAZILIAN TRADE
CONCERNS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
THE NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR DECISION AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY
FINDINGS ON SCISSORS AND SHEARS AND COTTON YARN.

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2. REGARDING NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR, AT THIS POINT NO
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, AND THE INTERAGENCY GROUP WORKING
ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING THOROUGHLY
AT ALL OF THE OPTIONS. WE APPRECIATE THE PROBLEMS YOU
RAISE CONCERNING POSSIBLE SELECTION OF A BASE PERIOD --
SHOULD RESTRAINTS BE NECESSARY -- AND ARE GIVING VERY
CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THIS FACTOR.

3. REGARDING COUNTERVAILING DUTY WAIVER POSSIBILITIES ON SCISSORS AND SHEARS AND COTTON YARN, REF (B) INDICATES TREASURY'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD SOLUTIONS WITH BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS, AND THE MEETING WITH DORNELLES AND PINTO ON MARCH 31 SHOULD PROVIDE A BEGINNING OF A DIALOGUE.

4. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT OUR TRADE PROBLEMS WITH BRAZIL WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON. LAST MONTH SECRETARY VANCE SENT A LETTER TO SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIMONSEN VISIT. ARA BRIEFED UNDER SECRETARY COOPER THIS WEEK ON THE SHOE CASE IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS. MOREOVER, AS REPORTED IN REF (C) AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY COOPER ON MARCH 15 TO STATE BRAZILIAN POSITION ON FOOTWEAR AND COUNTERVAIL. UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WILL BE MEETING WITH THE BRAZILIANS' AMERICAN LAWYER, NOEL HEMMINDINGER, IN APRIL FURTHER TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. IF BLUMENTHAL IS ABLE TO RECEIVE SIMONSEN IN EARLY APRIL (REF D) WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH UNDER SECRETARY COOPER.

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